

December 19, 2002

Philippe Douillet, Ph.D.
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Re: Foreign Filing of Patent Application Docket No. ECO-100
Biological Control of Pathogenic Fungi by a Synergistic Blend of Bacillus Strains
(Douillet)
Serial No. 10/072,030; filed February 07, 2002

Dear Dr. Douillet:

Consideration should be given at this time as to whether you want to file the above-referenced patent application in foreign countries. The subject application was filed in the U.S. on February 7, 2002. In order to be entitled to priority for the earliest U.S. filing date, the application will have to be filed foreign by **February 7, 2003**. Foreign filing provides an opportunity to update the application with any new information or data, which has become available since the application was originally filed. If this application is to be filed foreign, please let us know whether it will also need to be updated with new information.

There are two primary paths that can be followed in the course of obtaining foreign patent protection. First, you can file national applications in each country where you would like patent protection. In order to file these applications, it is necessary to hire agents in those countries. Those agents make sure that the national application conforms to the specific laws of their respective countries, and they handle the actual filing of the application. In many countries it is necessary to have the application translated into the local language when it is filed.

An alternative route for pursuing foreign patent protection involves the use of an international treaty—the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). You should keep in mind that the use of the PCT *does not* eliminate the need to file national applications, as mentioned above. However, the PCT can *delay* the deadline for filing national applications. Also, use of the PCT can result in the establishment of an international search report and a preliminary examination.

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Attached is a form on which you may indicate a decision regarding foreign filing. Please let us have a decision as soon as possible. If we do not receive written instructions on this matter by January 7, 2003, we will assume that you do not wish to proceed with foreign filing of this application.

Please let us know if you need further information regarding foreign filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lloyd

JL/srp
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